

Dear Senator Abrams, Representative Steinberg, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

I adamantly OPPOSE **HB-6423** AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS and **SB-568** AN ACT ELIMINATING THE NON-MEDICAL EXCEPTION

Allow me to preface this testimony by stating that there will be several quotes from a speech that Vera Sharav, President of the Alliance for Human Research Protection (AHRP)<sup>1</sup> gave outside of the Hartford LOB on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021<sup>2</sup> Ms. Sharav is a child Holocaust survivor.

In her speech at the LOB she states, “Government-dictated medical interventions undermine our dignity as well as our freedom.”... “Medical mandates are a major step backward, down the slippery slope toward a fascist dictatorship and the equivalent of crematoriums. The stark lesson of the Holocaust is that when doctors join forces with government & deviate from their personal and professional ethical commitment to “do no harm” to the individual – medicine can be weaponized. A eugenics-based racial ideology perverts the healing profession into a murderous apparatus.”<sup>3</sup>

She later states, “In 2019, New York State eliminated the legal status of religious exemptions ... This is a dictatorial process; it is eerily reminiscent of the infamous 1935 Nuremberg racial Laws that eliminated the rights of citizenship to Jews. Orthodox Jewish children and their parents who refused to comply with the vaccination schedule were vilified and ostracized from public places as “disease spreaders”. That was the very tactic the Nazis used against the Jewish people.”<sup>4</sup>

How is history repeating itself? How is this happening in the UNITED STATES, in the land of the FREE, in Connecticut, the Constitution State? What happened to our Constitutional Rights?

My father’s family, Sephardic Jews during the Spanish Inquisition escaped to the mountains to practice their Jewish faith in secrecy and risk of death. Many years later everyone in my father’s family would leave their homeland as Religious Refugees for religious freedom and emigrate to Argentina, Brazil and the United States.

It saddens me to think about what occurred during the Holocaust and the Spanish Inquisition and my own family’s sacrifice for Religious Freedom and how now it is being taken away from my children, my grandchildren, and even myself should I choose to go back to college. All of this because of **1.9%** percent of CT school children submitted a Religious Exception<sup>5</sup> during the 2019-2020 school year. No CT school children using

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ahrp.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://rumble.com/vdcnmh-vera-sharav-founder-of-the-alliance-for-human-research-protection.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://rumble.com/vdcnmh-vera-sharav-founder-of-the-alliance-for-human-research-protection.html>

<sup>4</sup> <https://rumble.com/vdcnmh-vera-sharav-founder-of-the-alliance-for-human-research-protection.html>

<sup>5</sup> <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/School-Survey?fbclid=IwAR39n74BVH7s51kn4Zgooiov3KOLqGW3E8Kpm3GgquooF8ccl0XOGFcYwz4>

the Religious Exception have ever been shown to cause an outbreak in the state of CT. For 1.9% Religious Exceptions, I will be forced to move my family and my business and become a Religious Refugee, like 1000's of families that came to CT from NY<sup>6</sup> when their religious rights were taken away two years ago. Do you really think people of deep faith are going to comply against their Religious Beliefs if you pass these bills? A few will homeschool but the majority will leave the state and many college students from across the country will pick other colleges. There is an already a large decline in school enrollment due to remote learning for the year 2020-2021.<sup>7</sup>

Where will this stop? What will be next? What other medical mandates will the CT State government impose on their constituents? What other religious rights will disappear? What happened to bodily autonomy and informed consent? What happened to separation of CHURCH and STATE? Only when it impacts YOUR family personally will you realize that this has gone TOO far and by then it will be TOO late.

Please" VOTE NO" to HB-6423 and SB-568.

Thank you,  
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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.newstimes.com/local/article/Surprise-5-6-percent-jump-in-Danbury-school-14431768.php>

<sup>7</sup> <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Performance/Research-Library/AnAnalysisofPreliminaryEnrollment2020-21.pdf>